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FROM : Chief, S/SF  
SUBJECT : Meeting with Henry Brodie, OIR, on Soviet Economic Penetration Activities

1. This morning I met with Henry Brodie, Economic Advisor of DFI, State, to compare notes on the activities of our respective offices on the question of Soviet economic penetration of under-developed countries.

2. I pointed out to him that we have three principal substantive interests in this work: first, to determine the general magnitude of the Soviet effort; second, to assess the Soviet capability to expand the current penetration program; and third, to forecast changes in the character and direction of the Soviet program. I indicated that the above points would be among those considered in the OIR contribution to the forthcoming Soviet NIS.

3. He indicated that his office was engaged in studying the economic impact on free world countries as well as the political problems involved. OIR has currently in process a number of studies in the penetration field, chief among which are the following: a revision of their 1955 study of the Asia-Middle East area; commodity studies of petroleum, cotton, and rice; special studies on Argentina and Uruguay. I arranged with him to have the OIR analyst working on an Argentina study of our own to be in contact with the OIR analyst responsible for producing the State paper.

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4. Throughout the discussion it was apparent that the OIR and the OHI efforts to date complement each other and that there has been, in fact, little, if any, duplication of effort. Mr. Brodie and I arranged to get together at least once each month to compare notes on the progress of our respective organizations in researching this subject.

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